

NOTES FROM THE LONGFELLOW PRINCIPAL

After today, the school year is officially half over! Please watch for **Trimester 2 midterm progress reports** from your child's teacher **next week**.

With an increase in positive COVID cases and relatively new changes to guidelines, the school has received a lot of questions recently about whether students should isolate or quarantine and, if so, for how long. **We continue to follow CDC recommendations**, and they have put together an [easy-to-follow page](#) that includes all sought-after information. In addition to the link, I am attaching to this email a PDF of that page. If you're still not sure, **please don't hesitate to call us**. We strive to achieve a balance between keeping kids in school and slowing the spread of the virus.

You can keep up with the **happenings of D91** including information about facilities planning, expanded learning opportunities, upcoming elections, curriculum updates, and more by checking out the **January edition of the [D91 Newsletter](#)**.

The annual **Soup-er Bowl** competition **begins on Monday and goes until February 4th**. We invite those students who are able to **bring in canned and other nonperishable food items**. Donuts and a game of dodgeball against the IFHS Student Government officers will be awarded to the class that brings in the most food!

If you have not already done so, please **complete a [Student Residency Questionnaire](#)** for your child. This helps us determine **student eligibility for services** under the McKinney Vento Act. You can find more information about that law [here](#). We hope to have the forms completed by January 28th, 2022.

We're still looking for **in-house substitute teachers** and **part-time math tutors**. Apply through [this link](#)!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- **Soup-er Bowl**, beginning Monday, January 24
- **2nd Grade CogAt Screener (to help determine G/T eligibility)**, Friday, January 28
- **Fire Drill**, Friday, January 28.
- **Every Friday, School Spirit Day**. Students are encouraged to wear their Longfellow shirts and show their school pride!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **One District, One Book**, February 7-18
- **Show the Love (Wear Pink and Red) Spirit Day**, Friday, February 11
- **Lockout Drill**, Thursday, February 17
- **No School: Presidents' Day**, Monday, February 21
- **Fire Drill**, Tuesday, February 22
- **4th Grade to Colonial**, Thursday, February 24

- **Spring/Class Pictures**, Thursday, February 24

PLANNED LUNCH MENU

Monday, January 24	Cheese Nachos OR Meatball Sub
Tuesday, January 25	Pizza OR Chef Salad w/ Cheese Breadstick
Wednesday, January 26	Burrito OR Hamburger
Thursday, January 27	Lasagna w/ Garlic Breadstick OR Malibu Chicken Burger
Friday, January 28	Corn Dog OR Fish Street Taco

Follow this link to visit our school website for details on upcoming events, important information, past principal emails, fun pictures, and lots of other good information! <https://www.ifschools.org/12/home>

Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime you have questions or concerns!

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